

A NEW RECORD

Slumping economy stimulates student enrollment

Suffering job market sends people to college, causes residence hall overflow

Sam Diederich
staff writer

College residence halls overflowing into local hotels, crowded sidewalks across campus and longer lines for exercise machines at Peters Recreation Complex. The impression that more students fill the K-State campus and classrooms is not unfounded; university enrollment has increased steadily since fall 2007.

According to the K-State Registrar's Office, total student enrollment has increased from semester to semester for the last three years, in comparison to preceding fall and spring semester totals. This fall, K-State enrolled a record-high 23,588 students, including 2,946 minority students, which is an all-time high for the university.

The biggest increase in enrollment between consecutive semesters came during the spring 2010 semester, when enrollment jumped more than 400 students from the spring 2009 total.

Lloyd Thomas, professor of economics, said the series of increases could be partly attributed to the current economic conditions.

"If the job market suffers, as in the current economy, more students go to college or stay in college longer because many are unlikely to find a satisfactory job in a bad job market," Thomas said.

The back-to-school strategy is not a new one.

"In the Great Depression of the 1930s, many graduate students deliberately stayed several extra years to finish their Ph.D. because their meager stipend was better than the alternative: being unemployed," Thomas said. "So yes, (the economy) may have contributed slightly to the increase in enrollment at K-State."

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the



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The K-State parking shuttle picks students up from the K-State Student Union Monday afternoon. Students use the bus to get to campus from Bramlage and the KSU Foundation. With this year's record enrollment, some students were forced into overflow housing at the Clarion Hotel, and use the bus to get to and from campus.

most recent economic recession began in December 2007, which marked the beginning of enrollment increases in comparison to preceding spring and fall numbers.

The Business Cycle Dating Committee, the research group within the bureau responsible for determining the start and end points of periods of recession and expansion, announced Sept. 20 that the recession officially ended in June 2009.

This does not mean that student enrollment will start to decrease. However, from fall 2009 to fall 2010, K-State enrollment showed little change with a difference of only seven students.

Philippe Belley, assistant professor of economics, said the value of a degree is another reason for

ENROLLMENT TOTALS

American Indian: 113
Asian: 320
African-American: 993
Hawaiian/Pac: 35
Hispanic/Latino: 1077
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Multi-Racial: 408
Not Specified: 143
Caucasian: 18687
Total: 23588

increased student enrollment.

"In the last 10 to 15 years, the value of completing college has increased. That means people receive more of a benefit for finish-

ing a college education," Belley said. "People have seen that and know they will be more valuable on the market once they finish."

A shift in the nature of available work might be another reason for individuals to consider college.

"In the U.S., there has been a switch from manufacturing jobs to creative, problem-solving jobs," Belley said. "Those problem-solving jobs usually require a college education."

No matter how the economy behaves in the approaching months, Belley said he believes universities will continue to see more students lined up outside enrollment offices.

"I think we can expect enrollment to keep going up," Belley said. "People know that the need for an education will continue to be true in the future."

Two killed by carbon monoxide poisoning

Sends another to hospital, leak found in duplex

staff report

Two Manhattan residents were killed in a carbon monoxide leak and another was hospitalized Sunday night, according to a media release by Lt. Herb Crosby of the Riley County Police Department. Emergency personnel responded to a call of non-responsive occupants at 11:50 p.m. in their residence at 3011 Brookville Dr.

Lt. Herb Crosby of RCPD said a friend of a victim called and texted, but received no response. The friend went to the residence to check on them and alerted police. Emergency medical services and the Manhattan Fire Department responded to the 911 call and said it was apparent that the occupants had suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Maria April Hightower, 22, was transported from Mercy Regional Health Center to Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

Jamie Lee Elliot, 25, was pronounced dead at Mercy Regional Health Center. The third victim, Lashawn Michael Veal, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Another duplex is attached to the residence, separated by a garage. Traces of carbon monoxide were also found in the other duplex.

Crosby said there is speculation the poisoning was from a vehicle because it did not appear to be from a furnace. According to the release, after initial investigations the poisoning appears to be an accident.

An autopsy is scheduled to verify the deaths of Veal and Elliott were indeed from carbon monoxide. There is an ongoing investigation, according to the release.

Social Security myths addressed

Trust fund expected to run out in 2037

Austin Enns
staff reporter

In today's media, many stories persist about Social Security, the system that is intended to provide for the elderly in the United States. Some believe Social Security is going to collapse before the millennial generation can ever collect it, while others claim it will be fine as long as some minor tweaks are made. With all the different stories, it is difficult for an average person to know what to believe.

"There is a lot of worry that Social Security won't be available to those individuals that are starting to pay into Social Security now," said Brianne Heidebreder, assistant professor of political science. "I would call the claim that Social Security would not be available in the near future a myth."

Heidebreder said Social Security was created as a baseline safety net for the elderly, survivors and disabled. An increase in life expectancy is part of the reason why the system is in need of some changes.

In 1935, when Social Security first started, the age at which people could collect the benefits was set at 65, but the average life expectancy

was 64, said Lloyd Thomas, professor of economics. Since 1935, life expectancy has increased to around 79, but benefits can still be collected from Social Security once an individual turns 65.

Thomas said between 1946 and 1964, there was a tremendous growth rate in the population, but after 1964, the growth started to drop off. Since Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, it relies on payroll taxes on people who are currently in the workforce to keep operating. Thomas said baby boomers will start retiring in 2011, and this demographic will continue to strain the system for the next 20 years.

"About 50 years ago, 20 people were paying in for each one retiring," Thomas said. "Now it's three people paying in for each one retiring, and in 15 years, it will be two people."

Currently, the Social Security trust fund is not expected to run out until 2037, according to a May 12, 2009, New York Times article.

Heidebreder and Thomas both agree that a few tweaks can fix the system, because a surplus of funds, currently estimated at \$2 trillion, has been building up and will give legislators time to make the necessary changes. But if no action is taken, future retirees could be collecting three-fourths of the benefits

that they should be receiving.

Some of the changes that Heidebreder and Thomas suggested include decreasing the amount of benefits the wealthy receive, increasing the age at which retirees can receive benefits and decreasing the automatic inflation increases in Social Security benefits.

"Social Security, for many years, has been considered the third rail of politics. 'Ai untouchable,'" Heidebreder said. "It's very politically charged, and it would be very unpopular to change it too much because people have been paying into the system and they believe they are entitled to the benefits."

Some political groups, like the Club for Growth, a fiscally conservative think tank, are starting to push for privatization of Social Security as a means of reform, which could turn Social Security into a campaign issue in upcoming elections. The Club for Growth released an article calling for privatization of Social Security on Sept. 21, but the club could not be reached for comment.

Students have diverse ideas about whether Social Security is needed and whether it will even be around in a few years.

Daniel Theisen, freshman

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Rec Complex renovations begin

Several areas to close during construction

Tim Schrag
senior staff writer

Construction has begun on the renovation and expansion of Peters Recreation Complex.

Steve Martini, director of Recreational Services, said starting construction has been a longtime coming since students voted and passed a \$23 million referendum in November 2007 to expand the complex. He said students have been involved throughout the entire project.

"It's been a long process, and you don't realize how long it takes to do the planning and to get it approved, and you work through systems of operation and it takes time," Martini said. "We're real excited to get going."

The building renovation and expansion will completely change the complex, including new sport surfaces, flooring, paint, carpet and tile, Martini said. The Rec will have a multi-activity court with three basketball courts, three volleyball courts, three tennis courts, a renovated locker room, weight room, cardio rooms, exercise studios, new office space, climbing wall, juice bar and a southern entrance with a parking lot, he said.

Martini said construction will be done in phases. He said he hopes it won't affect any ac-



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Construction crew members work on the Peter's Recreational Complex expansion Monday afternoon. The expansion will include more gymnasium space, cardio and weight room space, an expanded track area, climbing wall and juice bar.

tivity in the complex, but Recreational Services will have to relocate some activities from certain areas of the building as construction continues. Martini also said the construction will affect parking, but not until after football season.

"We don't plan to cut any of our programs or anything like that," he said. "We'll just relocate some."

Internal work will begin Oct. 4, Martini said. Several areas will be closed off and relocated, including the table tennis room, personal training studio and the combative room.

Martini said he encourages patrons to be flexible as they visit the complex. He also recommended patrons check the

Recreational Services website frequently for updates and stay alert while at the complex, and said employees are doing their best to keep patrons updated about the construction.

Drew Basgall, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said the construction has yet to affect his job as a referee at the complex and doubts it will.

Travis Redeker, assistant director of Recreational Services, said the expansion is great, especially for students.

"It's a very exciting time for students at K-State to have the opportunity to see this happen and soon get a chance to enjoy their shining new Rec with all the equipment and all the new things we are going to have here," Redeker said.



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WEEKLY BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

FRIDAY

Anthony Aaron Bosch, of the 700 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for aggravated burglary, arson, burglary, criminal damage to property, accident involving damage to vehicle or property and duty of driver upon damaging unattended vehicle or other property. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Dominic Anthony Calvillo, of Topeka, was booked for aggravated burglary, theft, battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Walter Joseph Hanks Jr., of the 500 block of Summit Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Geraldo Hernandez, of Kansas City, Kan., was booked for driving

with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Michael Blake Kalmer, of Riley, Kan., was booked for worthless check. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Tacy Mae Moniere, of Ogden, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Miguel Angel Prieto Bustillos, of the 2200 block of Claflin Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Daniel Raymond Reyes, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$120.

Luciana Pernetha Sanders, of the 1300 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Lance Michael Thompson, of Salina, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Andrew John Loecker, of the 1600 block of McCain Lane, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

SATURDAY

George William Brideau, of the 900 block of Garden Way, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$750.

Simon Denhartigh, of Grandville, Mich., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Cynthia Dee Fraser, of the 800 block of Kearney Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jamar France Fudge, of the 700 block of Fremont Street, was booked for driving under the influence, driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license, duty of driver upon damaging unattended vehicle or other property and duty of driver to give information. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Mark Wayne Brungardt, of the 3100 block of Heritage Court, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Spencer Mark Ingermanson, of Salina, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Angela Sue Ressler, of the 700 block of Allison Avenue, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Samantha J. Samich, of the 1200 block of Claflin Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Mikaela B. Sundgren, of the 1400 block of College Avenue, was booked for unlawful possession of depressants, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Taylor Boone Symons, of the 400 block of Oakdale Drive, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Jesse Lee Torno, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

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A stand against censorship



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Mary Siegle, English department secretary, reads a passage from the book “Catcher in the Rye” by J.D. Salinger for the first day of banned book readings sponsored by K-State Libraries, the English department and Sigma Tau Delta, an English honorary. The readings are in synchronicity with the American Library Association’s Banned Books Week. “I just love reading each year; it’s fun,” Siegle said.

Banned books read, display offers variety of challenged works to students at Hale Library

Kayla Duskie
junior staff writer

What do “Harry Potter,” “Harriet the Spy” and “Twilight” have in common? Many students would guess not much, but all of the above books can be found on the list of most frequently banned and challenged books of the last decade.

The department of English, K-State Libraries and the students of Sigma Tau Delta, an English honorary, work together to host a showcase event featuring several banned or challenged books. This event has been taking place since 2006, during American Library Association’s Banned Books Week. This year’s event began Monday

and will continue through Friday.

According to the Office of Intellectual Freedom, there are many specific reasons why books are banned, but the top three reported are: inappropriate language, sexually explicit material and being “unsuited to any age group.”

Many famous, classic novels — some of which are required reading in many high school English curriculums — are part of the list of banned and challenged books. For example: “The Great Gatsby,” “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “The Color Purple” and “Gone with the Wind.”

“It’s important to raise awareness of the dangers of censorship and banning books,” said Naomi Wood, associate professor of English. “When books are censored and banned, too often it means that information is being suppressed. Often, individuals want to prevent everyone from accessing informa-

tion that perhaps only they and a few people like them find objectionable.”

On the lawn south of Hale Library, readings of the most frequently banned and challenged books of the last decade will be held daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to the readings, a display will be set up in Hale, featuring the top 10 banned or challenged books of 2010. Approximately 15 minutes worth of each book or novel will be read.

“A reader can get through two to three picture books, but longer books will obviously need to be excerpted,” Wood said.

Daniel Ireton, undergraduate and community services librarian and assistant professor for Hale, said there will be a variety of selections read to accommodate the interests of as many people as possible, and he hopes that people will stop by during their lunch break to listen to the readings.

Two K-State professors named agronomy society fellows

Pat Melgares
K-State Research & Extension

Agronomy professors Dan Devlin and Guihua Bai were named Fellows by the American Society of Agronomy.

The award is given to less than 1 percent of the Society’s active and retired members each year. It recognizes professionals across the U.S. for their professional achievements and meritorious service.

Devlin is also a K-State Research and Extension specialist, with a focus on water quality Extension programs. His expertise is in nutrient and pesticide management and

watershed planning.

“I’m really excited about this award,” Devlin said, who was recently editor of the Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education. “I feel honored, but particularly because it really is for our extension education efforts. I think it also is the Society recognizing the importance of the land-grant university, and its three areas of research, teaching and extension. And I think the credit for this goes to a lot of people.”

Bai is a research plant geneticist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in addition to his role as adjunct

professor. His research focuses mainly on hard winter wheat molecular breeding and wheat resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses.

He also serves as an associate editor for the Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology and is a guest professor at six universities.

The two professors will be recognized during ASA’s annual awards ceremony this November in Long Beach, Calif.

The society has approximately 8,000 members in the U.S. and helps to advance the disciplines and practices of agronomy.

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POLICE REPORTS

Local woman reports rape

Tiara Williams
staff writer

A Manhattan woman in her mid-teens reported a rape occurring between 7 p.m. Sept. 17 and 9 p.m. Sept. 19 in Lawrence, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The man is an acquaintance of the woman and in his early 50s, according to the report.

Bond set at \$5,500

Police arrested a Manhattan woman Sunday after pulling her over while driving, according to another RCPD report.

Toni Amanda Reis had a warrant out for her arrest by the Manhattan Municipal Court for failure to appear, according to the report. The original charge was driving under the influence and her bond was set at \$1,500.

When police pulled her over, they booked and arrested Reis on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, driving on a suspended, canceled or revoked license and a schedule II prescription drugs offense, Crosby said.

Bond was set at \$5,500.

Crosby said Reis was still confined as of Monday morning.

Man finds motorcycle damaged

A local man reported damage to his motorcycle, according to another RCPD report.

Trenton Kaue, 21, of the 900 block of Moro Street, reported his blue 2008 Kawasaki Ninja sustained damages valued at \$2,500, according to the report.

Crosby said the incident reportedly occurred between 7 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police have no suspects, Crosby said.

Disease poses deadly threat to adult dairy, beef cattle

Mary Lou Peter, Nancy Peterson, and Kathleen Ward
K-State Research & Extension

A seasonal spike in the deadly cattle disease anaplasmosis has been reported in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and a K-State veterinarian is encouraging producers to be vigilant in monitoring their cattle.

“Producers need to watch for it,” said Larry Hollis, K-State Research and Extension veterinarian and professor of animal sciences and industry. “It occurs almost exclusively in adult cattle, not calves. The most frequent observation is sudden death, even though it actually takes a few days from the time signs first appear until death occurs. If producers are

not watching closely, it will sneak up on them. There is a big difference between sudden death and suddenly found dead.”

Early symptoms include white skin and whites of the eyes that appear yellow, Hollis said, and dairy cows will drop in lactation.

“Treatment with a long-acting oxytetracycline, LA-200 type products, will usually stop further death losses within a week following treatment,” Hollis said. “However, producers should be careful, as the simple exertion caused by driving cattle to or working them through the chute may be enough to kill more severely affected ones. Most producers who have been feeding chlortetracycline this summer,

CTC or Aureomycin, will not have the problem. CTC feeding should continue until the end of fly season.”

Anaplasmosis can be transmitted any time blood is transferred from one animal to another, through vaccination needles and such instruments as ear taggers and tattoo equipment, as well as by blood-sucking insects such as ticks and biting flies, he said. Producers should remember to disinfect their needles and other potential blood-transferring equipment between animals, except when giving modified live virus or MLV vaccines. When using MLV vaccines, producers should change needles between every animal to prevent the disinfectant from killing the virus.

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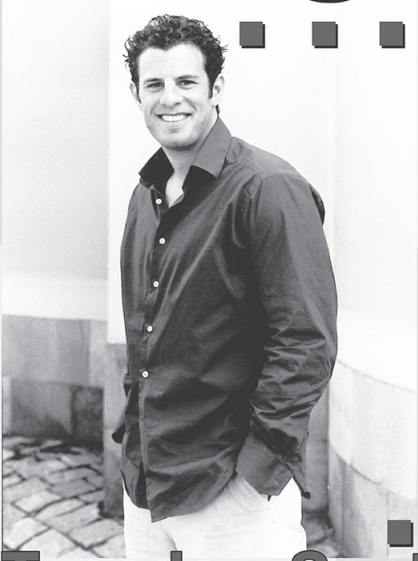
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JUNIOR, KINESIOLOGY

"I like chicken because it's versatile."




Kate Calhoun
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"Catfish; it tastes really good."




Jonathan Fosen
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"Fish; it's the most healthy."



Nathan Spaht
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"Seafood, because it's how you cook it."



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"I'm trying to reduce my meat consumption."



Matt Decapo
SENIOR, ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

"Hot dog, because there's all sorts of different meats in there."



Aaron Peterson
JUNIOR, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

GOT MEAT?

Consuming meat is nutritious, beneficial to economy



Amy Himmelberg

In a nation being revolutionized by new trends and radical thinking, even our eating patterns are being analyzed and judged. Once strictly an avenue to fuel our bodies, food is seen today as a reflection of our moral ideals and because we all must eat, no one is excluded from the debate.

The mainstream commercializing of all natural, organic, free-range and flat-out vegetarian products have kept alive the passionate, but often misinformed arguments of organizations like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Despite the stereotype of the tree-hugging health nut vegetarian, for many college students, the freedom to make their own lifestyle choice has led plenty of wholesome and sane people to go meatless. They stand united as a rebelling force, advocating animal rights over taste buds and attacking the public with documentaries that unveil cruel slaughter facilities and unjust treatment of livestock.

However, the argument for those of us who enjoy a juicy steak every now and again remains strong. Meat is moral on the standings of health, tradition and nature.

In order to take a fair stand in the fight to eat or not to eat, we must separate concrete facts from sensationalized emotions. We all regret that Bambi and Bessie cannot be household pets, but from a scientific standpoint, meat just happens to be a kind of super-food. It contains the power to rev up the metabolism, build lean muscle and provide crucial fatty amino acids. Among a sea

of snacks doused in artificial color and flavoring, and oozing with added sugar, meat should be ranked much lower on the list of dangerous lifestyle diets.

According to powerofmeat.com, "meat is the most naturally occurring, well balanced and easily obtained and digested package of proteins, essential acids and source of iron and Vitamin B-12 that you can find."

Popular substitutes like beans and nuts are not considered complete proteins because they are missing certain amino acids that meats like turkey and roast beef are full of. Therefore, vegetarians who believe they are caring for their bodies could have a higher risk for iron, riboflavin and B-12 deficiencies, which can cause memory loss.

Furthermore, the concern for the way we are preparing meats can be eradicated by the fact that humans naturally produce hormones needed for normal functioning and that the government carefully regulates the use of added hormones in meat. According to meatpoultrynutrition.org, the amount of hormones found in most meat is negligible in comparison to the amount naturally occurring in the human body and is not linked with health complications. These methods are used most often to preserve or enhance the taste of meat, and numerous scientific reports have determined that natural and synthetic hormones are safe when used as directed in animal food production.

We should not feel guilty about something our bodies are designed to use for fuel. Forbidding ourselves to eat specific kinds of foods only adds to American's already turbulent relationship with food, sending the message that we should deprive ourselves of something we enjoy.

Beyond reclaiming the healthy side of meat lies the argument that

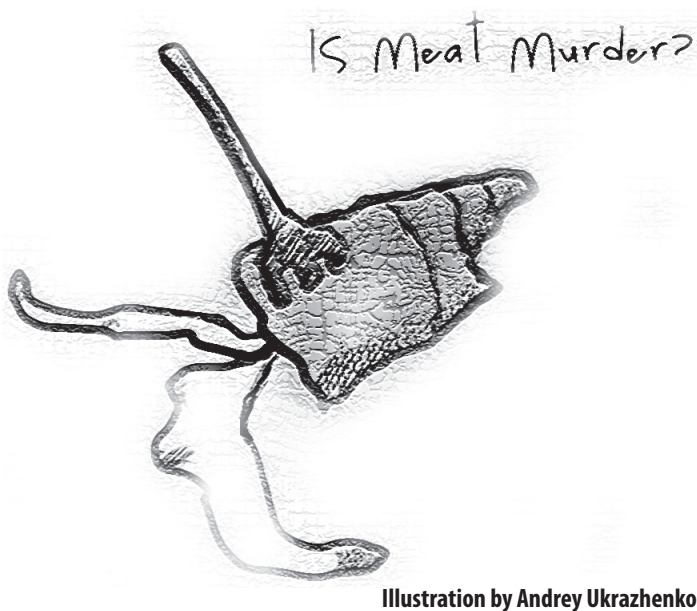


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no matter how much our species evolves, we must remember we are animals and, therefore, part of the food chain that corresponds with the natural order of life. You would never watch the Discovery Channel and condemn the cheetah for hunting the gazelle, because this is the food that sustains it.

Studies have argued that it was our ancestors' search for animal foods that initiated the expansion of our population across the globe. Other research has shown that prehistoric humans could not have been vegetarians, because plants alone could not have provided adequate calories and nutrients to survive. We can thank our meat-eating ancestors for our existence today. Man has eaten meat for generations. Our ancestors survived from the flesh of animals and even sacred texts contain stories of holy men eating fish.

In the modern world, the meat industry has become a staple for the economy and local farmers,

yielding a lead enterprise in the U.S. The American Meat Institute claims 6.2 million jobs alone.

What vegetarian activists do not acknowledge is the fact that meat is not inherently bad, but rather it is the way we consume it that has posed such controversy.

Instead of insisting we stop consuming meat altogether, we can approach poor meat-eating culture in a new way, first by challenging others to eat meat in smaller portions that reflect what our bodies can benefit from. Many meat industry practices labeled "inhumane" derive from massive production. Reduced overall consumption will, in turn, promote more humane raising, like grass-fed cattle, slaughtering and safer butchering and packaging for the consumer. This simple step may be what it takes to create peace among us all.

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Meat-eaters cannot rationally justify their diets



Beth Mendenhall

This is a call to rationality. This is a demand for evidence, facts and science. This is a plea for the truth. And given our state of affairs, we're in desperate need of a healthy dose of the informed problem—solution paradigm.

Step one: stop ignoring reality. Here's a brief state of the Earth: millions are dying needlessly from starvation; climate change and environmental degradation are both real and intensifying; and heart disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans. In short, affluent nations are killing themselves with unhealthy diets, while the periphery dies because of lack of diets, and the global environment is collapsing around us.

There are many approaches to dealing with these problems, but most proposals are feel-good Band-Aids on deep, structural bullet wounds. We must change the structure of our social organization. We must develop a fair and ethical distribution of resources. We must get our priorities straight. The alternative is both unethical and suicidal.

This is where the animals come in. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, nearly 10 billion animals are slaughtered for consumption in the United States every year. That's more than just a number of deaths; billions of animals are born into carefully managed and highly

limited lives that serve two purposes, and two purposes only: the profit motive, and your taste buds.

These animals share several relevant characteristics with human beings. All of them have central nervous systems. All of them form complex social relationships, including familial affinity and hierarchal social organization. All of them are capable of interpersonal interaction. No scientific analysis disputes their subjectivity.

It's my position that we should substantially reduce our meat consumption because it is simply the most ethical option. I'm working based on the critical assumptions that you want to be ethical and you are rational.

If you don't meet these requirements, you're just a bad human being. Cultural acceptance of meat-eating and personal pleasure are not valid excuses not to re-examine your diet. Slavery made life easy for a lot of people and was accepted by most everyone. That did not make it morally permissible.

Convincing you that animals deserve your moral consideration, and that you should not cause them to suffer for your personal desires, requires that we agree on what moral theory we're working with. You could be a utilitarian, a Kantian deontologist, or an I-do-what-my-holy-book-tells-me non-thinker.

Each of these requires a slightly different strategy on my part, but I'll do my best to deal with all three. There are numerous oft-ignored Bible quotes supporting vegetarianism, and other religious texts show similar support. Daniel 1:3-16 tells the story of Daniel visiting the king of Babylon. Daniel and his

friends refused to eat from the king's table and were allowed to eat vegetables and water for 10 days, after which they appeared healthier than the other diners and were allowed to continue their diet.

A Kantian ought to consider that while our rationality determines who is qualified to generate universal law, it does not delineate the objects of that law. The characteristics we share with animals make them relevant moral patients, even if they don't meet the requirement for moral agency.

The bottom line is meat consumption causes more pain than pleasure. It's morally indefensible to hierarchize our pain and pleasure; my pleasure is not more important than anyone else's, even though I might be smarter, richer or more powerful.

Pigs, cows and chickens are more self-aware than some human beings, yet they are subject to pain and torture that we would never dream of inflicting on any human beings, no matter their level of cognition. A double standard is defined by discrimination based on an irrelevant difference. Species is not morally relevant.

But if you insist upon anthropocentrism, there's an even better argument. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans eat significantly more than the recommended dietary allowance for protein. The World Health Organization reported in 2000 that more than 3 billion people are malnourished, the largest number and proportion in recorded history.

David and Marcia Pimentel reported in the 2003 American Journal of Clinical

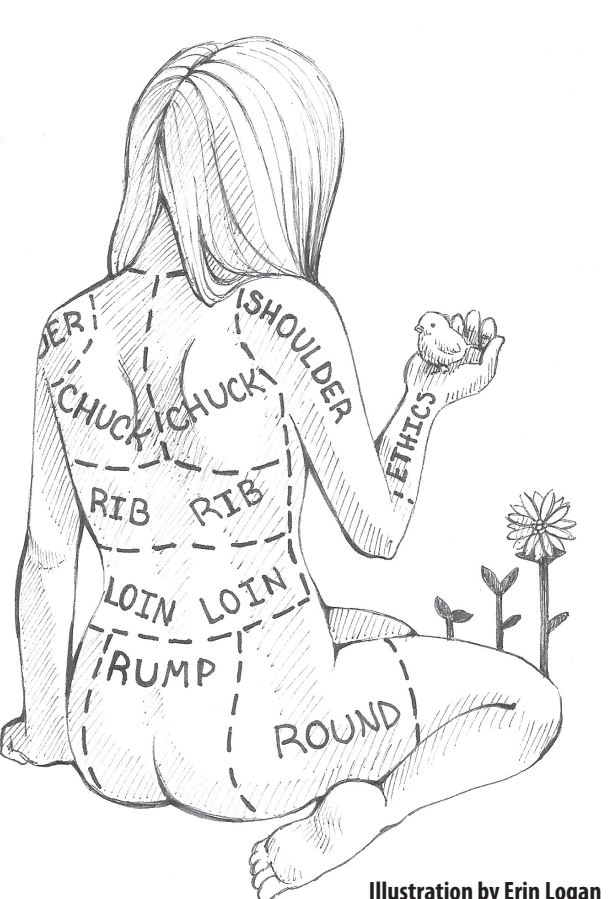


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Nutrition that the meat-based food system requires more energy, land and water resources than a vegetarian system. Producing one kilogram of animal protein requires 100 times more water than one kilogram of grain protein. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2001, our livestock eat seven times as much grain as we do. That grain could feed 840 million vegetarians. It's just science: the farther down the food chain we eat, the more people we can feed. Unless you're a neo-Malthusian, this is a good thing.

Our society is sponsoring a genocide hidden behind a veil of propriety. Civilization has changed the game. Appeals to naturalness, anthropocentrism and nutrition are inadequate to support a meat-based diet. Stop being irrational, stop being apathetic, stop ignoring the evidence. If you want to eat meat, you'd better be able to justify it.

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PUSHING THROUGH



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Running back **Daniel Thomas** slams into a University of Central Florida player while running down the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday afternoon. K-State defeated the Knights 17-13 after an hour and a half rain delay.

Safety in numbers: breakdown of UCF game

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

76

- rushing yards by senior running back Daniel Thomas

Held to much less than he had been allowed in earlier games, Thomas earned every inch of those 76 yards against Central Florida on 22 carries. The UCF defense kept him fairly contained for most of the game, but on K-State's last drive of the game - on which K-State scored the game-winning touchdown - Thomas played an integral role in getting the Wildcats down the field.

277

- yards of total K-State offense

This number is misleading. Thanks to a 73-yard strike to freshman wide receiver Tramaine Thompson and a 58-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Aubrey Quarles, quarterback Carson Coffman and the passing game looked pretty good on paper — much better than they actually were. In fact, the lack of executive on

offense led head coach Bill Snyder to say the offense "laid a massive egg" in the first half and much of the second.

4:35

- game time

After both teams went three-and-out on their first drives, an hour-and-a-half rain delay precluded more offensive futility and kept bodies in the stadium for the equivalent of about a game and a half.

13

- tackles by sophomore linebacker Blake Slaughter

Last week, the depth chart listed Slaughter as the No. 2 guy. This week, bold formatting on two names indicated who would start at the position would be a game-time decision. As it happened, Slaughter not only started, but led the team in tackles and had a huge sack for a loss of 10 yards on a third down.

2003

- last season K-State went 4-0

You might say it will



Matt Binter | Collegian

Quarterback **Carson Coffman** runs past UCF defense Saturday afternoon.

jinx the Wildcats to talk about them being undefeated, but the games will play out as they will. Somehow K-State has won four games without looking particularly impressive.

The team has won on grit and character. That is not to say there is not talent here as well; there certainly is. However, the team seems not to have meshed and executed

as well as it did in its first game against UCLA. Since then, it seems everyone has been waiting for the different elements to come together. In the week and a half before the Wildcats face

the No. 6 Huskers, that had better happen.

43

- first-half yards for K-State

I don't think I've seen a high school game in which a team did not even have 50 yards of offense by halftime. To see this from a Division I-A college team is quite befuddling. It's really, simply atrocious. (That's harsh, but I bet the coaches and players probably use similar adjectives.) The Wildcats had negative yardage after the first quarter; obviously, something is amiss. I understand Thomas can't look like a Heisman candidate every week, but the offensive production this week — especially in the first half — was unacceptable.

50,586

- attendance at Saturday's game

Saturday marked the 25th time more than 50,000 people have watched a home football game in Manhattan. It's especially impressive that most of the fans returned after the 90-minute "Day After Tomorrow" weather and delay in play.

Dear Dan Beebe...



Marshall Frey

I always get a kick out of the Wrangler commercials with Brett Favre playing a game of pick-up football in an empty lot. I think there's some false advertising going on there — he never gets picked off in the commercials. Since Favre has been the jeans company's spokesperson, I've stopped buying Wranglers because I don't think they're dependable if their spokesperson is any reflection on them. And to all of you who made fun of me in Week One for drafting Mark Sanchez on my fantasy team, I would like to point out that I am currently 2-0 and leading the league in points per week.

If this week's game against the University of Central Florida didn't have you on the edge of your seat, I don't know what else would. For a minute there, I thought I would have to eat my words about the University of Kansas losing to pud teams. Not to say that Central Florida was pud (it did win the Conference USA title last year), but still, that's Conference USA, not the Big 12 or Big 10 or whatever conference we're in now.

Speaking of the Big 12's conversion, I think the commissioner should hold a contest among all the schools participating in the new conference to choose a new name. Here are some possibilities: The "Not the SEC but Still Better than the Pac-10 Conference." The "Thank God Texas Stayed Conference." The "Midwest is Best Conference," otherwise known as the MBC. The "We Don't Miss Nebraska and Colorado Conference." (Writer's note: I will miss Colorado because I did like beating them in football every year. The win really helps our bowl game total in the rebuilding years.)

This week, I officially changed my major to English with an emphasis on conference naming. I figured with as many new and upcoming conferences that are being formed, I would have certain job security. Then again, I'm sure Dan Beebe said the same thing to himself when he took his job. Maybe I'll just stick to construction science and call it good.

But on a serious level, I am going to miss the Big 12. I think it sad that our sports world has become driven primarily by money and not by students and fans. Sure, I'm positive Nebraska will probably get a larger television contract over in the Big Ten, but Colorado? Do they even play on satellite in Boulder? And does anyone in Boulder really care about football? I think Cal's 52-7 rout of the Buffaloes was a serious indicator of things to come for the black and gold in Boulder. But then again, I never have met a University of Colorado fan that wasn't delusional.

All sports aside, it really makes me concerned for the future of K-State, not only athletically, but also academically. The Big 12 was a great conference to be in and supported a wide variety of student organizations and teams. Schools were not only competitive on the field, but also in the classroom. And with such a fragile union as the one we are entering in 2012 with the remaining schools, I have my concerns as to how long this new conference will stand together.

My point is this: if K-State is to weather the impending storm, we need to have a game plan for every scenario. The administration, the commissioners and the Board of Regents owe it to the students paying tuition dollars that are on the rise every year. If worse comes to worst, we could just go independent, like Notre Dame. Then we would get all the coverage we want. You can't flip the channels on Saturday without seeing Brian Kelly.

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Men's golf team completes two rounds, tied for second

Tyler Scott
staff writer

The men's golf team did not have any trouble playing on the new Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan Monday. After two rounds of play, the team is currently tied for second place.

K-State carded an 18-over par 594 through two rounds. They started off slowly in the first round by carding a collective 305, but narrowed it to 289, in the second.

Head coach Tim Norris said the younger guys really stepped up today.

"We have a team that is trying to gel together," Norris said. "We have a lot of good players that want to get better, and that's all we can ask for right now."

Freshmen Thomas Birdsey and Jack Watson, the latter of whom is competing as an individual, are tied for second place individually. They each carded a score of 2-under par 142.

Senior Jason Schulte sits in sixth place after carding a score of 3-over

par 147. Sophomore Ben Juffer is in a three-way tie for 13th place with a score of 5-over par 149.

Senior Ross Geubelle, competing as an individual, is tied for 16th with a score of 8-over par 152. Sophomore Chase Chamberlin, also playing as an individual, is tied for 22nd, and sophomore Curtis Yonke is tied for 24th.

Norris said the course didn't affect his players' confidence at all since they have practiced on it all year.

"The course has been in perfect shape," Norris said. "The greens were running well, and we had a lot of low scores. The team took momentum from the rest of the field, and it was a good day to play golf."

Central Arkansas University leads the field after carding a score of 13-over par 589, while Creighton University sits in fourth place with a score of 35-over par 611. South Dakota State University is in last place with a score of 42-over par 618.

K-State will conclude the tournament today with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Women's golf in third place after first day of competition

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

After the first two rounds of play at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational in Lawrence, the K-State women's golf team is in third place with a collective score of 34-over par 610.

The Wildcats have three golfers in the top 15 but still trail Nebraska by six shots and the University of Kansas by seven strokes.

"We are in good position going into the final round," said head coach Kristi Knight in a K-State press release. "Overall, it was a struggle, but the ladies hung in there all day."

Junior Ami Storey currently has a score of 4-over par 148, which has her tied for fourth place. Sophomore Whitney Pyle and freshman Gianna Misenhelter both finished the first day at 9-over par 153 and are tied for 14th place.

Sophomore Hanna Roos, com-

peting as an individual, is tied for 17th place with a score of 10-over par 154. Senior Emily Houtz is tied for 22nd after carding a 12-over par 156. Junior Paige Osterloo sits tied for 35th with 15-over par 159. Redshirt sophomore Kristen Dorsey, also competing as an individual, is tied for 57th with a score of 24-over par 168.

The team practiced late Sunday night, staying on the course until dark. Knight said the team looked forward to the tournament, with its challenging golf course that would demand patience and good execution.

Knight had these words to say prior to Monday's competition:

"Hopefully we can follow up and keep our momentum going. The ladies have continued to play well in practice, but once you get to tournament side, it's about executing and handling the situations that you face on the golf course that day, so that'll be the key for us tomorrow."

Adaptation held up by different angle, strong performances

"Robin Hood"

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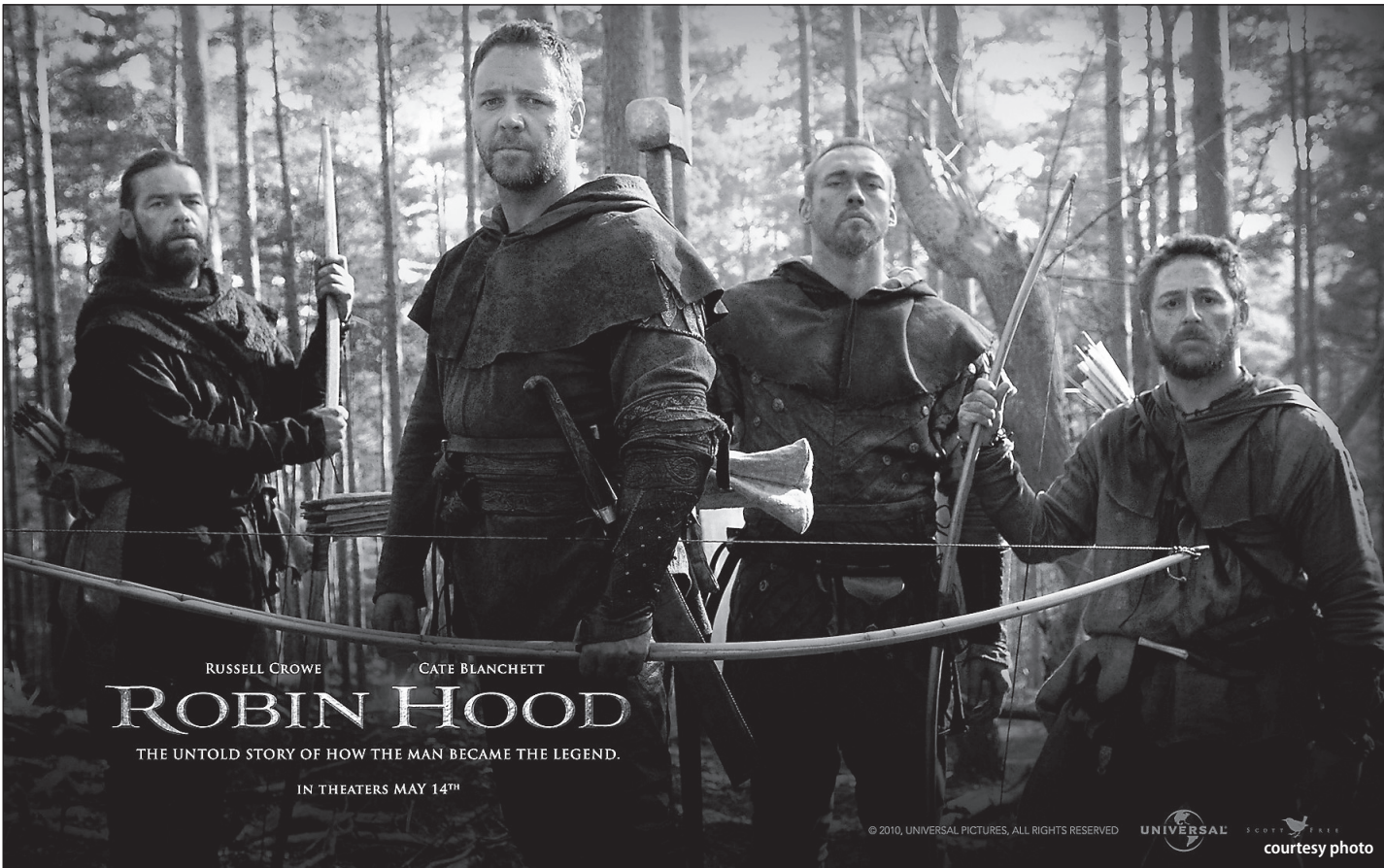
review by Joshua Madden

Ridley Scott's "Robin Hood" is a particularly unique adaptation of the Robin Hood story, with Russell Crowe starring as Robin Longstride. The film focuses on him in that persona, not the Robin Hood people are familiar with. It's an original story, focusing on how he became the outlaw who robs from the rich to give to the poor.

The story starts out with Longstride serving in the army of King Richard the Lionheart (Danny Huston) during part of his campaign related to the Crusades. The film is a success because it is such a different angle on the "Robin Hood" story. It shows Longstride on his journey from a common soldier to essentially a noble and then to an outlaw. It's this perspective that makes the story more powerful than just another retelling of the one we've seen so many times before.

The cast is solid, with Crowe and Cate Blanchett, who plays Marion Loxley, giving performances right on pace with some of their others. Crowe in particular is perfect for the role and gives a performance that echoes "Gladiator," capturing the idea that he fights for something greater than himself.

It's the supporting cast that really adds some depth to the film, though, with Mark Strong playing a terrific villain. After his performance in "Sherlock Holmes," I was shocked to see Strong looking so different and playing such a different villain and yet still doing a terrific job.



Many actors who excel as villains play a similar role in every film. Strong has avoided this pitfall so far, and his performance in "Robin Hood" proves he still has surprises in store for the audience.

Relative newcomers Oscar Isaac — whom American audiences likely know only from one of Ridley Scott's other films, "Body of Lies" — and Kevin Durand — whose main cred-

its include "Legion," "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and "3:10 to Yuma," which was also with Russell Crowe — provide some of the most pleasant surprises within the film. Isaac captures the evil of tyranny perfectly while Durand portrays the loyalty legends admire most in Little John. In many ways, the two performances complement each other.

As is to be expected from a Ridley Scott-directed film, the

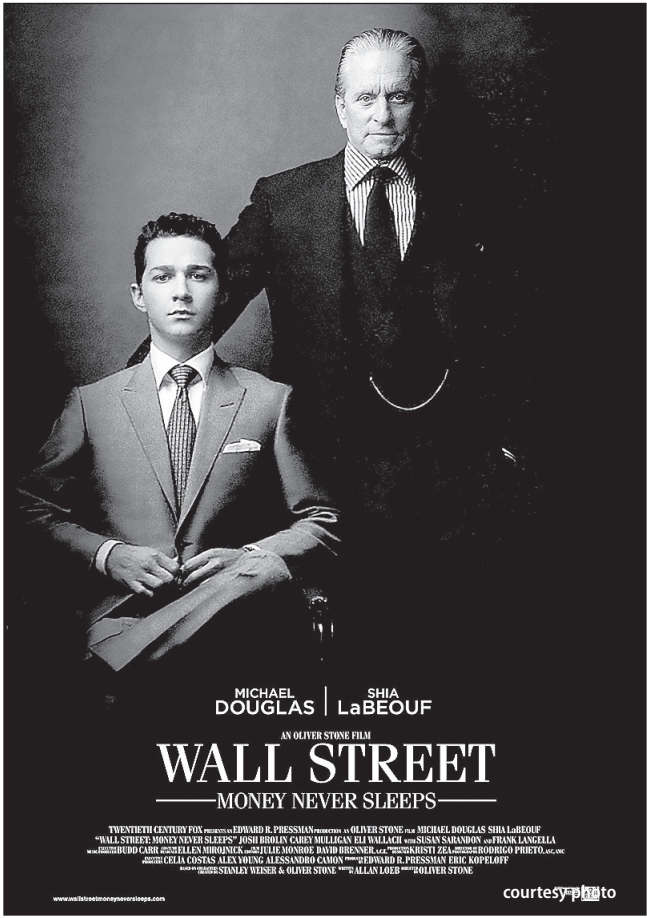
action is terrific, with climactic fight scenes that are some of the best of this year. Scott really knows how to get the most out of Crowe — no surprise to "Gladiator" fans — but he also gets a terrific action performance out of Strong.

Ultimately, strong performances come together to create a film I feel confident giving 4 fists out of 5. While the cast is terrific, the film does feel a little

long at times, especially during the romantic scenes between Crowe and Blanchett, which feel forced at best, despite their talent as performers. If the romance had felt more natural and the ending were a little less disappointing, this might have gotten a perfect rating.

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'Wall Street' sequel tells interesting story



"Money Never Sleeps"

★★★★☆

review by Patrick Bales

He's not a master filmmaker by any means, but Oliver Stone knows how to make thought-provoking entertainment. His latest is a sequel to his 1987 film "Wall Street," and while the original is certainly better, "Money Never Sleeps" is solid entertainment thanks to its fully realized characters and superb cast.

The sequel begins with Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) being released from prison. From there, the movie focuses on Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf), a Wall Street trader who happens to be in love with Gekko's daughter, Winnie (Carey Mulligan). When Jake decides he wants to marry her, he goes looking for Gekko, finding him at a college lecture. The two of them form an interesting partnership, and it gets even more interesting when Jake's long-time mentor (Frank Langella) gets worked over by a rival businessman named Bretton James (Josh Brolin). Jake wants revenge, and it's Gekko who seemingly gives him all of the necessities to take James down.

Now, let's get back to Oliver Stone for a minute. In truth, there are few filmmakers like him. He isn't particularly great at putting a movie together, but he puts so much passion into every one of his films that you can't help but be glued to the screen. "Money Never Sleeps" is no different. The movie is 20 minutes too long, the editing is chaotic and the plot flies off

track on multiple occasions — but the movie is never boring. When it isn't exploring the corrupt bureaucracy of our current Wall Street, it's giving us insightful glimpses into a multitude of characters.

The most fascinating character was Douglas's infamous villain, Gordon Gekko. Douglas made him into a man to be reckoned with, a man who was part snake and part charmer. Here, he still is that crafty schemer, but we finally get to see his softer side as well. We see it most when he's around his daughter; Douglas is able to take Gekko's egotistical facade and cast it aside, revealing a father who just wants to be there for his daughter. The scenes involving the two of them are by far the most powerful scenes of the entire film. It also helps that Mulligan and Douglas deliver some of the best acting of their careers.

The one frustrating aspect of "Money Never Sleeps" was its ending. It just ends on such an odd note. I guess it's an acceptable way of wrapping things up, but it leaves you feeling a little unfulfilled.

The story in this sequel isn't as tightly wrapped as the one in the original and sometimes Stone's ambitious style gets in the way, but "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" succeeds because all of the leads deliver knockout performances, and the writers are able to take the character of Gordon Gekko into surprisingly new directions.

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Indie-rock group's melodies pleasing to all

I recently had the chance to see Manhattan's own The Low End play a show with a band I hadn't heard of. The band in question was Arrah and the Ferns, an indie-rock group originally from Muncie, Ind. After The Low End's audience-charging set, Arrah and the boys came on and I couldn't forget them afterward; in fact, I was compelled to buy both of their albums right after the show.

The album I'm here to talk about is the band's second, "All The Bad In One Place," released in September. Musically, this band is one of the greats. The melodies and compositions for every song just work for themselves. It's great to hear their Wurliitzer piano pounding out great tunes, the plucking of the banjolin, and even band member Carl Stovner blasting away on saxophone in the song "Atlantic City."

Mike Harkness keeps the beat with flair on the drums, Buddy Szczesniak contributes a thoughtful bass, Ryan Belski owns the guitar and its solos, and Stovner contributes on guitar, vocals and various instruments. It is Arrah Fischer's distinct, smoky voice that lovingly leads the songs with harmonies while she plays either guitar or piano. Suffice to say, if you're looking for a new band with a unique and upbeat sound, this is the



band you've been looking for.

For tracks to look out for on this album, my favorites are "Slim 5," "Coke Nail" and "Life Lessons." Each of these songs, along with the rest on the album, contains some truly great music that will get you moving while making

you stop and think about the cynically true lyrics.

If the people in the crowd begging for an encore at the show were not enough of a clue, take it from me that this is a band you should be listening to. They're fun, thoughtful and have a refresh-

ing sound that will get your feet and your entire body moving. You can find more from them at myspace.com/arrahandtheferns.

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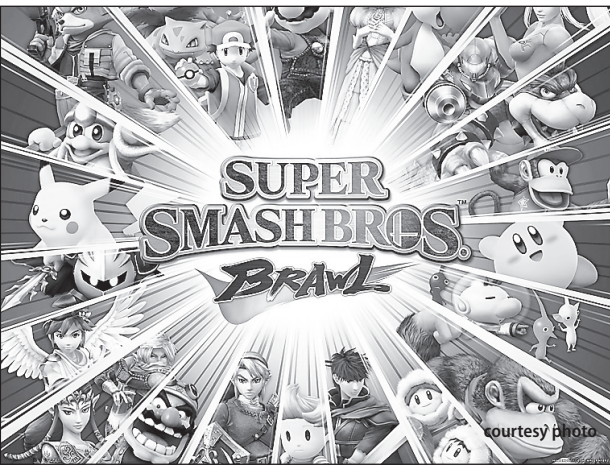
Game modifications offer new 'Brawl'

My friends and I have a ritual: every Monday night, we gather together and play "Super Smash Brothers Brawl." Since its release on the Wii in early 2008, we have spent countless hours playing this game, but after a while, we learned each other's tricks and combos and the game became stale.

This past summer, however, some friends of mine stumbled across a new version of the game: "Brawl Minus." Game modifications typically give me a fright, but "Brawl Minus" takes an already fun game and makes it better.

Featuring the same 35 characters as the original game, to the untrained eye, the game might seem unchanged. But after playing a round, it's obvious that all the characters' abilities have been altered to make the game more interesting.

Bowser, large and in charge in the original game, is immune to a majority of knock-back attacks. The Pokemon Trainer has had his Pokemon split into individual



characters that can stand on their own, as well as on a team, and they all have new abilities that make them formidable. Ganondorf has been given the ultimate warlock punch: if it connects with an opponent, it's an instant kill, but if that punch is shielded, Ganondorf takes the hit himself.

My favorite new ability belongs to Jigglypuff. Her shield (now twice as large in "Brawl

Minus"), when depleted, will not only leave her helpless, but will also cause a large explosion and instantly kill anyone near the pink ball of fury. This turns the character into a moving bomb; just when she seems weakest, she also has the power to kill everyone around her.

This mod has breathed new life into a game that had become just a tad bit old.

To use "Brawl Minus," you

must follow a few steps. If you have created any custom stages, you will need to save them onto an SD card, then remove them from your Wii. The mod uses the custom stage function to work its magic. After saving your maps, you need to download the mod onto another SD card. After creating your special SD card for "Brawl Minus," place it into your Wii console and start up Brawl normally. Go to the section for stage editing. The game hack should take effect, and now you can play "Brawl Minus" in all its glory. Be aware, however, that this mod is not a licensed creation.

There is a more detailed list of instructions on how to download and install the program onto the SD card at smashmods.com/forum/page/bminstall.html.

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CITY COMMISSION

Goodnow Cabin needs tenant

Historic structure's lease to expire, Innovation Center design to be discussed

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

The city commission will discuss options for the Goodnow Cabin at their work session tonight. The Goodnow Park Cabin Coalition, which has maintained the limestone cabin for two decades, has not expressed an intent to renew its lease. Their current 20-year lease was signed in 1991 and expires in May. The cabin will soon be empty. The Goodnow Cabin was built in 1938 as part of the New Deal projects. It is made

of limestone and wood and sits on the hillside in Goodnow Park. In the 1960s, it served as a meeting place for the Boy Scouts. Vandalism and lack of maintenance caused it to fall into disrepair in the 1980s. In 1989, demolition of the cabin was discussed. The Goodnow Park Cabin Coalition leased the building to restore it for alternative uses. The coalition has completed most of the repairs it outlined over the course of its lease. So far, no meaningful use for the building has been identified. It has electricity, but no sewer, water or road access and it is only 1,200 square feet. Also at the meeting, the commission will discuss a design concept for the Manhattan/K-State Innova-

tion Center expansion. Development on the building began with a city investment for the 30,000 square-foot building in 2004. It was built at K-State Research Park. In 2006, the city received a \$1 million grant for functional upgrades to the center. The center celebrated its dedication in June 2007. Last year, the city made a commitment of \$425,000 and received its second grant for the center. With the additional funding, 5,000 square feet of unfinished space will be completed. A design for the new addition, completed by Bowman Bowman Novick Inc. features four new offices, three new laboratories and more storage space. The work session is at 5 tonight in the City Commission Room at City Hall.

Western rider discusses joys of equestrian team, K-State

Marshall Frey
staff writer

A native of St. Francis, Kan., Alecia Zimbelman is a Western rider on the equestrian team. Majoring in biology, Zimbelman has a varied background in sports. In high school, she was named a Gazetland All-Area Honorable Mention for basketball and All-League and All-Area Honorable Mention in volleyball.

Q: What do you enjoy most about riding at K-State?
A: It is great that I get to continue doing what I love – riding horses – while going to college, but I think the best

part about riding at K-State is the amazing people I have met through the team.
Q: What does being from Kansas and riding for K-State mean to you?
A: It is a lot of fun to ride for the college that I grew up around and always watched. Also, it is nice that I'm close enough that my family can make it to most of our home shows.
Q: Outside of riding, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?
A: I like to spend time with family and friends, going to the lake, snow skiing, watching movies.

Q: What is your favorite class this semester?
A: I don't really have a favorite class this semester, but the class that takes the most amount of my time is definitely Human Body.
Q: How did you become involved in riding and equestrian?
A: My family has always had horses, so I began riding horses when I was about 5 years old and have continued riding since then. My older sister was on the equestrian team at K-State when she was here. I watched her on the team and decided that I wanted to be on the equestrian team as well.

K-State deemed not 'gay-friendly'



Lisle Alderton | Collegian

Penny Tration, 2009 Miss Ohio Gay Pride winner, performs in front of a crowd of more than 800 people at the Student Organization for Cultural Studies sponsored drag show in February. The contestants are judged on outfits, antics and performances.

LGBT Resource Center looks to improve safety, campus environment

Katie Reilley
junior staff writer

According to campuspride.org, K-State ranks significantly lower in rankings as a "gay-friendly college" compared to other universities in Kansas. Compared to KU's four out of five stars, K-State received an overall score of 1.5. Brandon Haddock attributes the rating to the atmosphere of K-State. Haddock, graduate student in geography, is the coordinator of K-State's LGBT Resource Center, an organization working to improve the safety and environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people and their straight allies. "The climate of the campus really prevents one to be open and to become involved in LGBT," Haddock said. "You have a lot of students come to K-State from more conservative parts of the state. Until this year, there was no real presence

for students to turn to for any resources." Campus Pride, a nonprofit advocacy group for collegiate-level gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, bases its findings on factors such as campus safety, health and counseling, student life and recruitment into LGBT groups. A report published Sept. 15 by Campus Pride details that approximately 25 percent of students who identify as LGBT feel uncomfortable or have been harassed due to their sexual orientation. "The 2010 State of Higher Education for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People," which examined the experiences of about 6,000 college students, administrators, staff and faculty, found that LGBT students involved in the study reported wishing to leave college or stay away from congregations of LGBT people "for fear of being labeled." Kayla Klahr, secretary of LGBTQ and More and sophomore in agricultural education, disagreed with the low ranking. "We have a very supportive community at K-State," Klahr said. "We're supportive of not

only LGBT rights, but everyone's rights in general." She also said achieving an LGBT-friendly environment is a "work in progress," not only for the K-State campus, but also the greater Manhattan community. She cited the recent debate over the proposed gender identity rights ordinance. "A lot of those people against (the proposed ordinance) would make people a little wary to come to K-State," Klahr said. Haddock said the LGBT Resource Center is attempting to bring more attention to this minority group. "This is the first year for the LGBT Resource Center," Haddock said. "We're planning many different activities in the fall and spring, and we're trying to get together a LGBT leadership conference." The leadership conference would include all universities and campuses in Kansas and possibly the surrounding area. Students who wish to learn more about LGBT issues can contact Brandon Haddock at the resource center at 785-532-5299.



Hanging in Hale

Candice Edwards, sophomore in business, sits in Hale Library Monday afternoon. Edwards was studying for her management class.

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SOCIAL | ‘Doomed to fail’

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in mechanical engineering, said he does not think Social Security was planned very well. “Social Security from the very beginning has been set up as a program where you pay your father’s debt,” Theisen said. “It was doomed to fail from the start, and now it’s just going to limp on. I think something needs to be done.”

Other students think Social Security is a necessary means to provide for retirement. Forrest Trachsel, junior in agronomy, said Social Security is a way to provide a safety net for younger generations. “It is very important some money is set aside for retirement, as the people today are not as educated with saving their money for the future,” he said.

Student keeps organic diet despite campus setbacks

Daily Nebraskan
University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Most students in the traditional residence halls stop by the dining halls every day to munch on pizza, hamburgers, salads and ice cream cones. But Alexa Koch, a freshman nutrition major at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, would rather not eat there. Koch only eats organic food, something the dining halls don’t offer. Instead, she cooks her own food in a communal kitchen. “We don’t have an only-organics menu,” said Pam Edwards, the assistant director of university’s Housing Dining Service. Edwards said that if there was a student that had an organic diet, she could go through a process with the Housing Contracts Office and reasons for that diet would be discussed with that student. Koch just wanted to be sure that she had a place where she could make her own meals. There are three dining halls that have kitchens open to resident use, Edwards said. The first is Husker Residence Hall, where students do not have meal plans and meals are made on individual time. The second is Love Memorial Co-op, which has a collective kitchen. Selleck Quadrangle, where Koch lives, has two student kitchens:

one for undergraduate students and the other for graduate students. Doug Zatechka, director of Housing, said the kitchens are there so students are able to cook for themselves when staying at Selleck over school breaks. All they have to do is check out a key at the front desk. In order to be in a residence hall where she could cook, Koch had to apply for a room accommodation through the Services for Students with Disabilities. She had to have her doctor fax information saying she needed the accommodation for allergies. Even after this process, Koch was still uncertain where she would end up living, like most students who wait for their room assignment. She was assigned to Selleck. To make her meals, Koch does not find her food at regular grocery stores. She shops at whole foods stores and visits farmers markets to find some of her food. “Farmers markets aren’t necessarily organic, but if you know your farmer and you know their farming practices, then you know where it’s coming from,” Koch said. Koch follows no official definition of “organic” in her diet. She just tries to eat whatever is made with the least amount of chemicals, the least altered or containing the least amount of pesticides.

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